

## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES providing for an amendment of the constitution so as to authorize a limited reimbursement of municipal war expenditures by loaning the credit of the state.

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*Resolved*, Two-thirds of both houses concurring that  
2 the following be proposed as an amendment of the  
3 constitution of this state, which, when approved and  
4 adopted in the manner provided by the constitution,  
5 shall become a part thereof, viz :

#### 6 ARTICLE XI.

7 The state is authorized to issue bonds payable with-  
8 in twenty-one years, at a rate of interest not exceed-  
9 ing six per cent. a year, payable semi-annually, which  
10 bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely towards  
11 the reimbursement of the expenditures incurred by  
12 the cities, towns and plantations of the state for war  
13 purposes during the rebellion, upon the following  
14 basis: Each city, town and plantation shall receive  
15 from the state one hundred dollars for every man  
16 furnished for the military service of the United

17 States under and after the call of July second,  
18 eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and accepted by  
19 the United States towards its quota for the term  
20 of three years, and in the same proportion for every  
21 man so furnished and accepted for any shorter period;  
22 and for every man furnished and accepted before said  
23 call, for the term of three years, to whom one hun-  
24 dred dollars or more of municipal bounty was paid  
25 during the war, one hundred dollars shall be reim-  
26 bursed by the state to the municipality which paid it.  
27 A commission appointed by the governor and council  
28 shall determine the amount to which each city, town  
29 and plantation is entitled; to be devoted exclusively  
30 towards the payment of its corporate debt, if such debt  
31 exists. The issue of bonds hereby authorized shall  
32 not exceed in the aggregate three million five hundred  
33 thousand dollars, and this amendment shall not be  
34 construed to permit the credit of the state to be  
35 directly or indirectly loaned in any other case or for  
36 any other purpose.

*Resolved*, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen  
2 of towns and the assessors of plantations are hereby  
3 empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of  
4 their respective cities, towns and plantations, in the  
5 manner prescribed by law, at their next annual meet-  
6 ings in September, to give in their votes on the amend-

7 ment proposed in the foregoing resolve, and the ques-  
8 tion shall be, "Shall the constitution be amended so  
9 as to authorize the assumption of municipal war debts  
10 by loaning the credit of the state to an amount not  
11 exceeding in the aggregate three million five hundred  
12 thousand dollars, as proposed by a resolve of the forty-  
13 seventh legislature?" And said inhabitants shall vote  
14 by ballot on said question, those in favor of said  
15 amendment expressing it by the word "YES," and  
16 those opposed to the amendment expressing it by the  
17 word "No"; and the ballots shall be received, sorted,  
18 counted and declared in open ward, town and planta-  
19 tion meetings, and lists of the votes shall be made out  
20 by the aldermen, selectmen and assessors, and clerks  
21 of said cities, towns and plantations, in the same man-  
22 ner as votes for senators, and shall be returned into the  
23 office of the secretary of state within twenty days after  
24 said election. And the governor and council shall  
25 forthwith, after the expiration of said twenty days,  
26 examine and count said votes, and if it shall appear  
27 that a majority of the inhabitants voting on said ques-  
28 tion are in favor of the proposed amendment, it shall  
29 become part of the constitution. And the governor  
30 shall thereupon issue his proclamation, making known  
31 the fact.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state shall prepare  
2 and furnish the several cities, towns and plantations,  
3 blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolves,  
4 with a copy thereof; also a copy of the question sub-  
5 mitted, printed in large type.

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IN SENATE, February 5, 1868.

Reported by Mr. STETSON, from the Joint Select Committee  
on Assumption of Municipal War Debts; bill and resolves each  
read once, and on motion of the same Senator laid on the table  
and five hundred copies ordered to be printed.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.